

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2008.

Following the amendments, claims 44-64 and 69-73 are pending. Claims 44-50, 52, and 65-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,685,775 to Bakoglu *et al.* (“Bakoglu”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,299,810 to Pierce *et al.* (“Pierce”). Claims 51, 53-64, and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bakoglu and Pierce and further in view of an article entitled “A Low-Cost Force Feedback Joystick and its Use in PC Video Games” authored by Ming Ouhyoung et al, and published in the IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, Vol. 41, No. 3, Aug. 1995 (hereinafter referred to as “Ouhyoung”) and an article entitled “MagicMouse: Tactile and Kinesthetic Feedback in the Human-Computer Interface using an Electromagnetically Actuated Input/Output Device” authored by Kelley et al (hereinafter referred to as “Kelley”).

Claims 44-64, and 69 have been amended. Claims 65-68 have been cancelled. Claims 70-73 have been added. No new matter is added by these amendments, and support for the amendments may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

I. § 103(a) – Bakoglu in view of Pierce - Claims 44-50, 52, and 65-68

The rejection of claims 44-50, 52, and 65-68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce is respectfully traversed. Claims 65-68 have been cancelled, rendering their rejection moot.

Claims 44-50 and 52 have been amended, rendering their rejection moot. Independent claim 44, from which claims 45-50 and 52 depend, has been amended to include the limitations of a “processor configured to receive from the network interface a web page comprising haptic feedback information” and “the processor configured to execute a force feedback driver software, the force feedback software configured to interpret the embedded force feedback information.” The amended claim 44 would not

have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention, and therefore claim 44 is patentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce.

Because claims 45-50 and 52 depend from and further limit claim 44, claims 45-50 and 52 are patentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce for at least the same reasons. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 44-49, 52, and 65-68.

II. § 103(a) – Bakoglu in view of Pierce and further in view of Ouhyoung and Kelley - Claims 51, 53-64, and 69

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 51, 53-64, and 69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce and further in view of Ouhyoung and Kelley.

Independent claims 44, 53, 59, and 69, from which claims 51 and 53-64 depend, have been amended, thus rendering their rejection moot. Claims 44, 53, 59, and 69 have been amended to include the limitation of a “processor configured to receive from the network interface a web page comprising haptic feedback information” and “the processor configured to execute a force feedback driver software, the force feedback software configured to interpret the embedded force feedback information.” The amended claims 44, 53, 59, and 69 would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention, and therefore claims 44, 53, 59, and 69 are patentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce and further in view of Ouhyoung and Kelley.

Because claims 51 and 53-64 depend from and further limit claims 44, 53, 59, and 69, claims 51 and 53-64 are patentable over Bakoglu in view of Pierce and further in view of Ouhyoung and Kelley for at least the same reasons. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 51, 53-64, and 69.

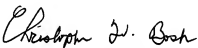
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are allowable and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application, or to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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